The following are pictures from the week ending in 8.27.21 in regards to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Center (DEI)/Student Government Room Renovations Project. This is the first report for this project which currently slated to last approximately 120 calendar days which is all dependent on building material lead times. This project has started out really well and demolition could possibly wrap up as early as late next week if all goes well. All of the existing finishes (flooring, wall base, and suspended ceiling has been removed. In addition the existing lighting and cabinetry has been totally removed or will be in the next week. The old masonry wall dividing the old art faculty office and the work/storage room has already come down, and now the contractors are focusing on creating the new openings in the existing masonry walls along the corridors to allow for the installation of the new window and entry systems.

The top-right photo shows the contractors removing the old VCT floor tile in the old Art Classroom A-165. New finishes will be installed in this room as it will become the new Student Government Room.

The top-left photo shows some of the early demolition in regards to pulling down the old suspended acoustical tile ceiling and grid in A-165.

The bottom-left photo shows the fact that the wall that used to separate the Storage/Work Room (A-166) and the Art Faculty Office (A-167) is now gone. This newly created space will become the new DEI Center.

The bottom-right photo highlights the first area of existing masonry wall that will have a new opening in the future Student Government Room to allow for the installation of a new set of windows into the adjacent corridor. This process will be repeated in next door in the new DEI Center, but will include a new entry door as well. Both sets of new window systems will allow for more natural light to filter in from the adjacent corridor and interior courtyard, and provide for a better sense of security and safety. In addition these windows will also allow for more activity to be witnessed and hopefully foster excitement amongst both students and staff.